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Remarks

Claims 1-26 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 11, 17, 19, and 23-26 were rejected. Claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10, 16, and 18 were merely objected to and claims 12-15 and 20-22 were allowed. By the foregoing amendment, claims 1-4, 9, and 23-26 are canceled, claims 5-7, 10, 11, and 16-19 are amended, and claims 27 and 28 are added. No new matter is presented.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10, 12-16, 18, and 20-22.

Claim 7 has been re-written in independent form as found allowable in the April 7, 2005 Office action.

New dependent claim 27 is claim 4 in the form found allowable in the April 7, 2005 Office action further incorporating claim 2.

New independent claim 28 is claim 3 in the form found allowable in the April 7, 2005 Office action.

Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form as found allowable in the August 9, 2005 Office action.

Claim 18 has been rewritten in independent form as found allowable in the August 9, 2005 Office action.

Various dependencies have been adjusted to correspond.

Claims Rejections-35 U.S.C. 103

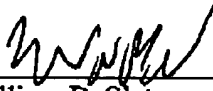
Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 11, 19, and 23-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chlus (US6802691) in view of Eleftheriou et al. (US6755025) and Honda et al. (US6092987). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chlus, Eleftheriou et al., and Honda et al. In view of the foregoing amendments, the rejections are moot.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 5-8, 10-22, 27, and 28 are in condition for allowance. Please charge any fees or deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit

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